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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WALLACH ET AL.

Examiner

MINH-TAM DAVIS

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2003.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11, 14 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Applicant adds new claim 14, which is related to claims 1-7, 11 and is not new matter.

Accordingly, claims 1-7, 11, 14 are being examined.

The following are the remaining rejections.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH, SCOPE

Rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph of claims 1-7, 11 pertaining to lack of enablement for a DNA sequence encoding an analog of the MORT-1 protein (SEQ ID NO:2) remains for reasons already of record in paper No.10. New claim 14 is rejected for the same reasons of record.

Applicant argues as follows:

The examiner's interpretation of claim 1(2) is incorrect where the examiner states that a substantial number of the hybridizing molecules encompassed by the claims would not share either structural or functional properties with polynucleotides that encode MORT-1 protein. The DNA sequence of claim 1(2) must encode an analog, which analog binds with the FAS-IC, and it is that sequence which must be capable of hybridizing to the CDNA encoding SEQ ID NO:2 under moderately stringent conditions. Thus, is not some other part of the DNA molecule that may hybridize to the CDNA encoding SEQ ID NO:2, but must be that sequence which encodes the analog that

binds with the FAS-IC. If that that sequence both binds to FAS-IC and hybridizes to the cDNA encoding SEQ ID NO:2 under moderately stringent conditions, then it would be expected to share substantial sequence identity with SEQ ID NO:2. As explained in previous amendment, of February 24, 2003, it would be expected to require at least 75% homology. Any such sequence thus shares structural and functional (or physical) properties with polynucleotides that encode MORT-I protein.

Applicant's arguments set forth in paper of 12/03/03 have been considered but are not deemed to be persuasive for the following reasons:

The claims encompass variants, with unknown structure and function, wherein said variants share with the claimed polynucleotide sequence a polynucleotide fragment that encodes a fragment of SEQ ID NO:2 that binds to FAS-IC, and wherein said variants hybridize to the claimed polynucleotide via said polynucleotide fragment under moderately stringent conditions

Applicant has not taught how to make said variants such that they would have the function and properties of the claimed polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO:2.

One would not know how to make the claimed variants in view of a lack of adequate teaching in the specification, and in view of the unpredictability of protein chemistry, as taught by Burgess et al, Lazar et al, Tao et al and Gillies et al, all of record, and in view that said unpredictability applies as well to DNA sequences which encode proteins.

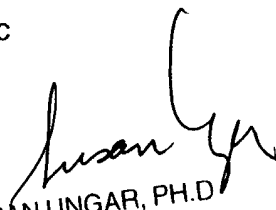
THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH-TAM DAVIS whose telephone number is 571-272-0830. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, YVONNE EYLER can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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